

combine all the qualities to a full extent. A model member will remain devoted to the church independent of the weak or strong points of the man in the pulpit. He will overlook the weakness and exult in the strong. Such realize that he does not attend church to worship the pastor but God, and being in a right condition of heart will derive some good from every sermon; and will possess the satisfaction of having done his duty. It is not the highest type of loyalty to attend because of the pastor, but it is disloyal to absent one's self on his account. It is admitted that some pastors make themselves so obnoxious to their congregations that many cannot see him in the pulpit with any comfort. This is not the fault of the people. God will hold such a man to account. Attend the house of God under all circumstances and the Master of the House will bless you for it.

6. Loyalty to the church implies undisturbed devotion. There are very apt to be times in the history of a church when a thick cloud hangs over it. Sometimes the pastor is unwise in his life and speech. Sometimes the officers find themselves in dispute. At other times the choir is at unrest, and the many organizations now connected with our church have been known to cause friction. But from whatever source such things come, every member of the church and congregation ought to remain at his post, and in prayer and wisdom endeavor to lead the host of God's children into the light of day. It has been done, it can be done again. The only safe and sure way is for everyone to strive to preserve peace. It is even better to make a concession than to engender strife. For when such arises it stays the march of the Lord's army and souls are liable to perish along the way.

7. Personal work is essential to church loyalty. It is the purpose of the pastoral office to expound the Word of God from the pulpit. It is absolutely necessary that this function of the pulpit should be observed, both because of believers and also on account of the unsaved. But the duty of the minister does not end here. His labors may be augmented by personal work. In this the church member may join. And of all the privileges in this life, there is nothing that can compare with the joy that comes from seeking to save the lost by personal effort. Many are dying in their sins. They are longing to be saved, but they crave the interest of one who is safe in the kingdom. If we fail in this particular we will miss the object of the church.

And this suggestion in conclusion that nothing short of entire dedication to the Lord Jesus Christ will enable us to make the above effectual to the saving of our souls. Let us prostrate ourselves at the mercy seat and plead for pardon and for peace, and the God of our fathers will breathe into us the blessing of salvation, to whom be the glory.—The Presbyterian Banner.

Missions

From the National Capital

Another Christmas has come and gone, and with it, its hallowed associations, and now we are standing in the vestibule of another new year. We know something of the past year, what it brought into our lives, but for the future, God only knows what it will bring to us.

I now turn to my diary for New Year's day and I find these words recorded: "Prepare me for whatever Thou hast prepared for me! Help me to live in thy love! May I live each day as tho it were my last day! May I ever realize that 'it is better farther on.' 'The path of the just shineth more and more even unto the perfect day.'"

Dear Brethren and Sisters:—I am sure your prayer is the same. May the Holy Spirit have full right of way in all our lives for the year 1902; then will we know the meaning of real joy and happiness, and not before.

"Let us pray for each other nor faint by the way, In this sad world of sorrow and care; For that home is so bright and is almost in sight, And I trust in my heart you'll be there."

And now I wish to return my sincere thanks to all of the faithful ones who have so kindly remembered your unworthy servant in the gospel, during the past year, and especially for the many tokens of remembrance during the holidays, from both far and near. I wish that I might mention names, but can not do so now. Our mission has been greatly blessed during the year in so many different ways; so far as I am personally concerned, I know that I have done nothing of myself, but I can truly say that I have, by God's grace, *allowed him to do more for me than ever before.* And I praise God every day for the faithfulness of the members of the little flock in this city, and of their continued expressions and tokens of appreciation toward me in the pastoral relation.

On New Year's eve we had our Christmas exercises, and altho different things had happened that interfered greatly with rehearsals, yet everything passed off in a very satisfactory way. The attendance was excellent and all seemed well pleased.

Following the entertainment we had a brief intermission which was spent in social enjoyment, after which, the meeting was again called to order for the purpose of reorganizing the Sunday school for 1902, which resulted in the unanimous vote for the continuation of the same officials for the ensuing year. We are glad for the good work done by the Sunday school the past year, and trust that the present year will result in still greater good. We are sorry that our worthy Superintendent, Brother Dooley, has been called away from the school so much of the time, but we trust that his business relations may so adjust themselves that he can be with us more of the time in the future.

Succeeding this meeting was another intermission and then we began the watch ser-

vices. And these services were very helpful and inspiring. I feel safe in saying that I have never been in a meeting in my life in which a greater manifestation of the Holy Spirit was given. Almost every one present who professed to be a Christian took part in the speaking, and six asked for prayers that they might become Christians.

On last Sunday night another young lady came forward and asked for baptism, and at our prayer meeting last night, still another rose up in the congregation and with a voice of deep emotion said, "I want to find my Savior." One of the number who stood up on the watch night was a Jewess. She was at the prayer meeting last night and seems to be determined to press on to know the Christ in spite of the fact that it means ostracism to her on the part of her own people. Pray that she may not be overcome and that the glorious work may go on. In his name.

W. M. LYON.

Financial Report of Home Mission Board of Pennsylvania

Amount received during month of December, as follows:—Mt. Everett church, per A. Stutzman, \$3.83; E. E. Roberts, Philadelphia Self Denial Fund, \$5.00; Johnstown church, \$8.00. Total, \$16.83. Amount previously reported, \$235.48. Total to January 1, 1902, \$252.31.

Too small, brethren, to keep up expenses. Now since the holidays are over let us see how much better we can do this month. Those of you who read the report of the State evangelist will be interested enough to try to keep up. Who will be next? Remember the second Wednesday of each month is the regular meeting.

R. Z. REPLOGLE, Secretary.

Report of Indiana Mission Board—Quarter Ending December 31, 1901.

Received by Treasurer:—Surplus of last year, \$2.77; State Conference offering, \$21.25; State S. S. C. E. offering, \$7.00. Total, \$31.02.

Received by Secretary:—Anna Troup, \$1.00; John Miller, \$1.00; Mrs. John Miller, \$1.00; Emma Miller, \$1.00; James Moss, \$1.00; Wm. Wagner, \$1.00; Mrs. W. H. Wagner, \$1.00; Bertha Wagner, \$1.00; S. M. Baird, \$1.00; Mrs. M. Baird, \$1.00; Albert Myers, \$1.00; Salem, \$3.50; Brighton, \$22.00; New Enterprise, \$3.60; Oakville, \$14.12; Flora, \$6.38; Mexico, \$35.00; Eaton, \$5.51; North Manchester, \$19.50; Poplar Grove, \$4.25; Bethel Sunday-school, \$1.38; Milford, \$21.90; Warsaw, \$20.00; Loree, \$12.00; Roann, \$24.50; Tiosa, \$10.00; Salem, \$19.50; Brighton, \$1.50. Total received by secretary, \$235.64.

Expenditures:—G. W. Rench, 3 months services in Goshen, \$100; on lot in Goshen, \$100. Total expenditures, \$200.

Summary Per Quarter:—Total receipts, \$266.66; total expenses, \$200; balance in hands of the treasurer, January 1, 1902, \$66.66.

WM. H. MILLER,
Secretary of Board.

Among the Churches

Conemaugh, Pa.

Two days after I landed home from my trip to the Old Dominion we entered upon a revival meeting in our home congregation on Nov. 24 1901. When we opened fire on the enemy of souls we thought the prospects for a successful meeting were very slim. But we resolved to do our part as best we could and leave the results to the Lord. So under somewhat unfavorable circumstances